



## CITY'S PLIGHT

### St. Petersburg in Darkness Last Night.

### 100,000 MEN ARE IDLE

### Fanatics and Agitators are Making Trouble for Russia Very Rapidly.

### FATHER GOPON TAKEN AWAY

Press is Very Guarded in Its Reference to the Attempt Made on the Czar's Life—Commission is Now Investigating.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—With the Russian capital seemingly on the verge of incipient revolution, thousands of workmen are parading the streets, and agitators and fanatics are sowing the seeds of disorder. Half the city is in darkness, without fire protection, owing to the walkouts, and the situation was hourly growing more tense tonight, when the authorities decided to adopt energetic measures to preserve order, prevent rioting and overawe the violent-minded, at the same time seeking to placate the striking workmen by offering satisfaction of their demands in so far as they are just and reasonable, thus acting with combined firmness and moderation.

The government tonight augmented the garrison of St. Petersburg with 2500 cavalry and 1000 infantry from Tsarskoe Selo and filled the streets, especially in the disaffected quarter, with heavy patrols of soldiers.

A great demonstration which was planned for Sunday, with its unlimited possibilities for an outbreak, will not be permitted to take place.

The situation entered the acute stage today, and the strike assumed an open political phase. Mill after mill and factory after factory closed, and the whole of the textile mills and every printing office in St. Petersburg are closed. One electric light plant and one water plant have been shut down, and over 100,000 men are out.

#### INVESTIGATION BEGINS.

#### Grand Duke Sergius Has Charge of the Shooting Inquiry.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—A special commission, under the presidency of Lieutenant Khitrovo, commander of the artillery corps of the guards, has been appointed to investigate the origin of the firing of yesterday. The commission will work under the superintendence of the inspector general of artillery, and of Grand Duke Sergius.

The report published by a news agency of the suicide of Captain Davidov, commander of the battery from which the shot is supposed to have been fired, is unfounded.

#### TO FIRE DETECTIVES.

#### McAdoo Wants New York Bureau Re-organized.

New York, Jan. 20.—Reports that Police Commissioner McAdoo will ask the legislature to pass a bill that will correct the alleged evils of the city detective bureau have been confirmed by that official. The bill, which may even go so far as to abolish the bureau in its present form, will be prepared next week and hurried to Albany for legislative consideration.

At police headquarters it is generally believed that Mr. McAdoo will endeavor to free the central office of those detective sergeants who were given their positions by a former police commissioner, many of whom, it was said, at the time met with political favor, but had little or no real detective qualifications.

Decisions to reorganize this important branch of the police department grew out of a conference between the commission and Mayor McClellan. The entire police situation was gone over, the commissioner pointing out where the difficulties lay that forbade a com-

plete rehabilitation of the department without legislative aid. The subject of proposed changes against certain members of the force was likewise discussed.

#### OPPOSE MAIL ORDERS.

#### Dry Goods Men do Not Want Mails Used.

New York, Jan. 20.—Representatives of the leading commercial houses in the country are in this city to attend the annual conference of the Wholesale Dry Goods Association. J. K. Burnham of Kansas City, president of the association, occupied the chair and many new members were enrolled at the opening session.

Subjects of importance to the trade were informally discussed and committees appointed to bring up reports at today's session at which a number of papers will be read and formal addresses made, while an invitation has been issued to prominent New York manufacturers and commission merchants to meet the members of the association for the purpose of discussing mail sales to retailers, a method of doing business which the association does not wish to see develop.

Several speakers expressed the belief that the association should make overtures opposing any action on the part of the government extending mail facilities for such a purpose.

#### NO VERDICT YET.

#### Sorenson Jury Has Been Out for 36 Hours.

Portland, Jan. 20.—The jury which is deliberating on the innocence or guilt of George Sorenson, who was tried yesterday in the United States court on a charge of attempting to bribe former United States District Attorney Hall, have been unable to agree on a verdict.

It is understood the jury stands 10 for conviction and two for acquittal. The jury went out at 5 o'clock last evening.

## AFTER DIVE KEEPERS

### Portland Judge Scores Chief of Police.

### HUNT MAY BE PROSECUTED

### Municipal League and Police Judge Will Clear Women From the North End Dives and Saloons in Spite of Police Conviction.

Portland, Jan. 20.—All women who are making a living by getting a percentage on the beer they sell in North End saloons are to be driven out of business. This will be done by Municipal Judge Hogue, either with or without the aid of the police, so he declared today, and may result in war between Chief Hunt and the boss of the city tribunal. If the chief does not enforce the recently unearthed ordinance against "rustling" in saloons, Judge Hogue will take action.

Asked today why the ordinance was not being observed, Judge Hogue said: "If the ordinance is sound—and I propose to test it—I expect to have every woman driven from the North End saloons. They might as well take immediate notice. If the police will not do it, we shall find some other way to get after them. The Municipal League, I understand, will take hold of the matter."

It has been several days now since the ordinance has been brought to the attention of the police officials, and Chief of Police Hunt has apparently taken no action against these women. They are "rustling" as hard as ever, Chief Hunt said.

"We hope to regulate matters in the North End. I cannot give away our method of operation."

He would not say specifically whether he would drive the "rustlers" from the boxes or not.

"Women drinking in boxes is the worst evil we have to contend with in the North End," declared Judge Hogue. "The sale of liquor is increased fully ten times where women are engaged to solicit."

It was intimated this morning that proceedings might be filed later against the chief for failure to enforce the law.

## FOR THE FAIR

### Washington Appropriates \$100,000.

### AMOUNT SAFEGUARDED

### A Chaplain Is to Be Provided for the State Penitentiary.

### PROHIBIT TRADING STAMPS

Balloting for Senator at Olympia Yesterday Only Shows a Few Minor Changes, and the End of the Contest Is Not in Sight.

Olympia, Jan. 20.—The passage by the senate of Rand's bill providing an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland was the feature of today's session of the legislature. While the bill received only four negative votes on final passage, a determined attempt was made prior thereto in a committee of the whole to amend the appropriation to \$75,000.

The committee amended the bill, however, so that safeguards are placed around the expenditure of the money.

The balance of the day's session was taken up by the introduction and first reading of bills. Five new bills appeared in the senate and 13 in the house. Bills were introduced to give Seattle the shore line of Green Lake; make the position of regimental commander of the national guard a salaried office of \$1500; to create the office of chaplain of the state penitentiary at a salary of \$1200; to give cities of the first, second and third classes the right of eminent domain; to prohibit the uttering or circulation of trading stamps; to provide for the election of justices of the peace and constables in cities of the first class, and an appropriation bill which carries \$3000 for a game-fish hatchery in Clallam county.

#### STILL NO RESULT.

#### Only Few Minor Changes in the Vote for Senator.

Olympia, Jan. 20.—Three ballots were taken for United States senator in the joint session today. The last ballot gave Foster 44, Piles 34, Sweeney 27, Wilson 17, Jones 7, Godman 5.

The net result of the balloting is a gain of one vote for Sweeney and one for Wilson. Piles' gain of one vote is only apparent, as Earles (Dem.) will, on the next ballot, change to Wilson and in the following ballot will likely go to Jones.

#### PRESS KEEPS QUIET.

#### Readers Are Left to Form Their Own Conclusion on Affair.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—Nothing better illustrates the conditions in Russian journalism than the appearance of the St. Petersburg papers on the morning after an occurrence which nearly added another violent death to the history of the ruling family of Russia. There are prominent headlines, but almost no editorial reference, and the most brief mention possible of the unexpected hall of grape shot around the little chapel in which the emperor and the Romanoff family had gathered for the great religious festival of the Epiphany and blessing the waters of the Neva.

The account of the stately ceremonial prepared by the court marshal is long and rich in detail, describing the appearance and garb of the participants and the progress of events from minute to minute. Appended to this court circular are short paragraphs from various papers alluding in the most guarded terms to the unexpected danger in which his majesty stood. These add practically nothing to the knowledge of the event in spite of half a day's opportunity for investigation and inquiry.

The Novoe Vremya, which publishes the most extended account, shows that

chief interest in the incident followed the second and third shots, but offers no explanation. The paper editorializes briefly on the inexcusable carelessness of permitting so perilous a happening and on the general joy at the escape of his majesty, and the relief to strained nerves. It concludes by expressing the hope that the miraculous escape of the emperor from mortal danger while engaged in the pious rites of the faith may be an omen that Russia is under like protection; that providence is watching over those who live by faith and that she may emerge in equal safety from the perils in which she now stands.

Other papers publish less regarding the event, not even the names of the officers commanding the battery or the artillerymen tending the guns are given. The reader is left largely to draw his own conclusions as to the connection between the sound of the salute and the patter of the balls about the pavilion.

#### DEED OF A FIEND.

#### Negro Shoots a Man, Assaults a Woman and Robs House.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 20.—John Pier-sall was taken to Louisville for safe keeping this afternoon. He is charged with four degree crimes committed early today.

After breaking into two houses in the second of which he beat Mrs. J. L. Jones into insensibility, the negro entered the home of C. T. Wagoner, shot him twice and assaulted Mrs. Wagoner. The negro is identified by Mrs. Wagoner. Wagoner may recover.

#### Veteran of Two Wars.

New York, Jan. 20.—John Randolph Bull, a veteran of two wars, and for many years a wholesale produce dealer in Louisville, Ky., is dead at his home in Bayonne, N. J. He served through the Mexican war with the Louisville legion and commanded a union regiment during the civil war. Colonel Bull was an intimate friend of General Lafayette, and Henry Clay. He retired some years ago and made his home in the east.

## TO LYNCH A NEGRO

### Nevada Crowd Besieges Guarded Jail.

### PRISONER IS SPIRITED AWAY

### Assaulted a White Woman With An Ax and Crushed Her Skull in—Victim of the Brute Is Unconscious.

Reno, Nevada, Jan. 20.—Demonstrations against the life of the unknown negro suspected of assaulting Mrs. J. E. Harper, continue. Around the county jail a large crowd is congregated and sullen threats are made that the prisoner will never be allowed a fair trial.

The authorities protest that the negro is not in Washoe county tonight, saying he has been spirited to Carson, where he is now safely behind the walls of the state's prison. A committee examined the jail and announced that it had visited all the cells and found the prisoner absent.

Tonight the jail is heavily guarded, 30 men carrying Winchesters patrolling the street in front of the building. Mrs. Harper is still alive, but her skull is fearfully crushed where she was struck by an ax. She is unconscious.

#### Curtain for Fletcher.

New York, Jan. 20.—Edward Fletcher, for many years identified with the financial side of the theatrical business, is dead at his home here from a complication of diseases. He founded and was acting secretary of the Treasurer's Association of America, an organization numbering several thousand members.

#### Famous Lawyer Dead.

New York, Jan. 20.—Darrington Semple, a prominent Wall street lawyer, is dead at his home here, from heart disease. He came to New York 10 years ago from Montgomery, Ala., where his father was a prominent lawyer and at one time democratic national committeeman.

## BILL PASSES

### Army Measure Through the House.

### NO PAY FOR MILITIA

### Smoot is Placed on the Witness Stand in His Own Behalf.

### FULTON FOR INDEMNITY BILL

Ministers Sign the Arbitration Treaty Between United States and Norway and Sweden—Senate Ratifies Spanish Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The house today passed the army appropriation bill, after voting by a large majority to incorporate in it an amendment providing that, hereafter, retired army officers assigned to the militia of the several states shall not receive any pay or allowance additional to their pay as retired officers, such pay and allowance exceeding those of a major.

The Indian appropriation bill was considered for the remainder of the day, but was not concluded when the house adjourned.

#### SMOOT ON STAND.

#### He Makes a Favorable Impression Upon the Committee.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Interest in the Smoot investigation was increased today by an unexpected determination to put Senator Smoot on the stand in his own behalf. The senate was under a direct and cross-examination all day. He frankly answered most of the questions asked him, and appeared to make a favorable impression on the members of the committee.

At 4:30 an adjournment was taken out of consideration for the witness, who had been suffering indigestion for several weeks.

#### Fulton on Indemnity.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The statehood bill and fur seal indemnity bill again divided the attention of the senate today, and both again went over without action. Fulton spoke in support of the indemnity bill, and McCreary and Bates spoke in opposition to the statehood measure.

#### Swedish Treaty Signed.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary Hay, and Minister Grip of Sweden and Norway today signed the arbitration treaty between this country and Norway and Sweden. It is patterned after the other arbitration treaties before the senate.

#### Spanish Treaty Ratified.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In executive session today the senate ratified the extradition treaty with Spain.

#### NO SHOW FOR KIRK.

#### Detective Says He Could Get 1000 Years in Jail.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Representing himself to his wife of a year as a government secret service agent, and living in a luxurious apartment in Prairie avenue, but in reality declared to be the cleverest bill raiser who has worked in the west in recent years, having made, it is said, \$8000 since last January, the story of the career of W. S. Kirk has come to light.

Kirk's bail was raised by Judge Sanborn of the United States district court from \$5000 to \$10,000 after Thomas I. Porter of the secret service had testified to his operations and exhibited his implements and raised bills.

Kirk was arrested in Aurora, giving the name of Charles Clemons. He was brought to Chicago and his young wife learned that she had been deceived.

Kirk, Eusendath, Carson, Larson and W. H. Lehman.

"There are enough charges against this man," said Secret Service Agent Porter, "to keep him in the penitentiary for 1000 years. For each he may be imprisoned 15 years."

#### TROUBLE AVERTED.

#### Threatened Strike on the Pennsylvania Lines Will Be Settled.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—The strike of the freight trainmen in the employ of the Pennsylvania railway, east of Pittsburgh and Erie, has been delayed, if not entirely averted, by the presence in Philadelphia of Grand Master P. H. Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

At today's conference of Manager Atterbury and Morrissey the situation was again gone over. No new propositions were made and the situation stands practically as it was, but the conference will be resumed tomorrow, with a likelihood of a settlement being effected.

#### MERCHANT MURDERED.

#### Robbers Kill a Storekeeper for Gold They Didn't Get.

Laramie, Wyo., Jan. 20.—George Gerber, a merchant, was found dead in his store today with his skull crushed and his throat cut. An iron bolt, with which he had been struck, lay beside the body, and the knife with which he was stabbed was still sticking in the wound.

Robbery was the motive for the crime, but it is thought little was secured.

#### GOPON MISSING.

#### Believed He Has Been Spirited Away by Authorities.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—A proclamation was issued this morning forbidding all assemblages, parades or other demonstrations.

It is rumored Father Gopon, leader of the workmen, has been spirited away by the authorities.

## BLANCHE IS BARRED

### Portland Cannot See Her Daughter Perform.

### THEATRE TRUST OBDURATE

### "The Darling of the Gods" Is Apparently Not the Daring of the Theatrical Men Who Refuse Miss Bates' Manager a Theater.

Portland, Jan. 20.—Because the play houses of Portland are dominated by a theatrical trust, Blanche Bates will not appear in this city in "The Darling of the Gods." Her agents have been working assiduously for nearly a week endeavoring to secure one of the half-dozen theaters in this city in which to show Miss Bates, but they have been unsuccessful. Tonight it was decided she would not appear in Portland, the city of her birth.

In interviews in San Francisco, where she has been playing this week, Miss Bates stated that she would play in Portland if she had to do so in a tent, but it is surmised that the better counsel of her manager has prevailed.

Considerable disappointment is felt in Portland because the city is unable to see its talented daughter in her latest production.

#### FANK FRAUDS.

#### Startling Situation Exposed by Examination of Denver Ballot Boxes.

Denver, Jan. 20.—When the legislative committee appointed to hear the Peabody-Adams gubernatorial contest, met this afternoon, a report of experts who examined the three Denver ballot boxes turned over to them last night was made.

According to the experts' testimony, 449 out of 904 ballots found in the boxes were spurious.

#### Thousands Sick.

Tokio, Jan. 20 (Noon).—It is stated that there are 15,556 sick and wounded Russian prisoners at Port Arthur. Of these 3657 are connected with the navy.